

Mr. Rudi Fecteau addressed our October 13 meeting on the subject of archaeo-botany, presenting a well illustrated discussion of both field and laboratory procedures for the recovery and identification of palaeo-botanical remains. Manual and mechanical screening techniques were described, and the characteristic attributes of carbonized Native cultigens and various wood species were reviewed. Rudi completed his presentation by answering questions concerning the interpretation of archaeo-botanical data and their application to archaeological research. Following the talk, members were provided with the opportunity both to examine a selection of carbonized plant remains with the aid of a microscope and to ask further questions.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

The October 23 meeting included our full executive and was held on an Erie Coach Lines bus between Toledo and Detroit. After a certain amount of mutual back-patting over the extremely successful Ohio tour, it was business as usual. Mr. George Connoy mentioned that a surplus of approximately \$150.00 was expected as a result of our trip, and it was agreed that the proposal to incorporate this money into the general operating fund of the Chapter should be considered by our membership at the next meeting. A series of 20-30 colour slides of the tour will be offered at cost (roughly \$12.00 - \$15.00) to London Chapter and Ohio tour participants at some time in December. Finally, due to the success of this year's tour, we plan to organize another for next year and would request that you fill out the questionnaire on the last page, bring it to the next meeting or send it to the KEWA editor (55 Centre St., London).

Next on the agenda was a proposal for a Chapter Christmas party on Saturday, December 17. It was suggested that the informal gathering at 55 Centre Street include a meal and a slide presentation on our tour prepared by Mr. Paul Strome of Waterloo; however, details would have to be arranged by a committee which is to be formed at the November 10 meeting.

and decided to bring to the membership the question of whether our Chapter executive should hold office on an annual calendar (January 1 - December 31) or fiscal (April 1 - March 31?) basis. If an annual calendar term is chosen, then a nominating committee should be formed at our November 10 meeting and the elections would be held in December.

Finally, Ms. Norah McWilliam indicated that most of the speakers contacted for our winter meetings had confirmed that they were available. We hope to be able to present a complete lecture series agenda in the next KEWA.

SOCIAL NOTES

Quite a number of London Chapter members were present among the multitude who attended the O.A.S. Symposium this month. The general consensus of opinion was that the talks were informative and that the dinner was palatable. Norah McWilliam represented our Chapter at the head table during the evening's activities.

The London Chapter tour to Ohio was a considerable success, judging from the reaction of those present. All 47 seats were booked for several weeks prior to the trip and there was even a waiting list. The weather was mostly sunny and the scenery was often breath-taking (especially the valleys around Fort Ancient!). Our itinerary included Fort Ancient and Serpent Mound on October 22, and Mound City, Flint Ridge, the Newark Earthworks and the Upper Sandusky mission to the Wyandots on October 23. The excellent interpretive facilities at these sites greatly enhanced the educational value of the tour, while the evenings provided ample time for informal social get togethers. The trip covered 1007 miles and remained on schedule due to the supervision of Norah and the driving skill of Larry. Those present were unanimous in their appreciation of Norah McWilliam, who coordinated the logistics of the tour.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL TOUR QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Did you attend the Ohio tour? _____

2. If so, did you feel

a) it was worth the cost? _____

b) it could be improved? _____

How? _____

3. Would you attend a similar tour next year? _____

4. If so

a) Where would you like to go? _____

b) What month would be best? _____

c) How many days could you spend on tour? _____

d) How much are you prepared to pay for
transportation and lodging? _____

e) Should meals be included in the tour price? _____

5. Would you like to purchase the Ohio tour slide series? _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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MEETING NOTICE

As mentioned in our last KEWA, Dr. David Stothers of the University of Toledo will present a talk entitled "*New Perspectives on the Iroquoian Co-Tradition*" on November 10. The meeting will formally commence at 8:00 P.M. in Rm. 344 of Talbot College; however, members are encouraged to arrive earlier to view and discuss a display of local artifacts to be presented by Mr. Bob Calvert.

